

Dear Sirs,

I was concerned when changes were made in the last year or so at the Federal level to allow a huge media consolidation. The strength and power of broadcasting is so great that it must maintain a local component and be accountable at some level to the listeners, it's clientele. Now Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers to localism caused by such media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. By attempting (and although they made some changes, it won't be enough) to pre-empt local broadcasting to place an anti-Kerry (and false) program on the airwaves is not at all in the public interest. It is unfair, biased and causes me to be concerned about the basic principles of democracy that are getting twisted when this happens.

Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter. And very important that information is not one-sided and unbalanced.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them.

Thank you.